

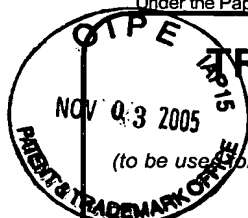
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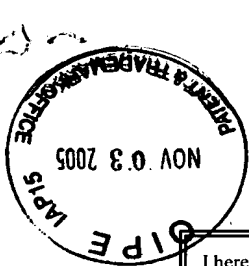
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COMMUNICATION TO RECORD SUBSTANCE OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Sir:

In a telephone interview dated October 19, 2005 between applicants' representative George S. Blasiak and Examiner Le, the applicants' representative stated that although the applicants continue to regard their invention distinguished from the primary reference U. S. Patent No. 6,705,531 to Norton et al. ("Norton"), alone or in combination with another reference of record that Norton, in view of its filing date, does not qualify as prior art.

The Examiner concurred that Norton does not qualify as prior art and indicated that the rejections over Norton would be withdrawn. The Examiner also indicated that unless a supervisory Examiner objected, the "final" status of the application would be withdrawn and

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that the applicants would be free to introduce new art references in a response to the present final rejection for consideration by the Examiner.

The Examiner stated that he would conduct a supplementary search and examination and allow claims 21-47 of the application unless new grounds for rejecting claims 21-47 could be substantiated pursuant to the supplemental search and examination.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, applicants believe the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

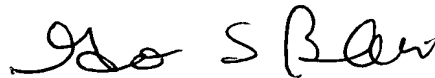
If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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